

23. A component according to claim 20 wherein the carrier material comprises an aluminosilicate builder and a phosphate salt builder, which is present at a level of from 15% to 60% by weight of the component.
24. A component according to claim 20 wherein the carrier material comprises an inorganic carbonate salt which is present at a level of from 10% to 60% by weight of the component.
25. A component according to claim 20 wherein the surfactant system is present at a level of from 10% to 70% by weight and comprises at least an anionic sulphonate surfactant or an anionic sulphate surfactant.
26. A component according to claim 20 wherein the surfactant system comprises a nonionic surfactant, comprising at least one alkoxylated alcohol surfactant.
27. A composition according to claim 20 wherein the flocculating agent comprises a polyethylene oxide of an average molecular weight from 150,000 to 3,000,000.
28. A composition according to claim 20 wherein the clay is present at a level of from 5% to 60% by weight, and comprises a smectite clay.
29. A component according to claim 20 comprising at least 0.1% by weight of a brightener.
30. A component according to claim 20 in a form selected from the group consisting of a spray-dried particle, agglomerate, extrudate and mixtures thereof.
31. A component according to claim 20 comprising at least 5% by weight of water.
32. A component according to claim 20 comprising a fabric care agent selected from the group consisting of soil release polymers, cellulosic polymers, dye transfer inhibitors, cationic softeners, and mixtures thereof.

33. A component according to claim 20 comprising a carbonate salt and a water-swellable disintegrant or an acidic compound capable of reacting with a carbonate to produce effervescence, preferably being a carboxylic acid, or mixtures thereof.

34. A component according to claim 20 comprising a mixture of clays.

35. A process for making a component according to claim 20 comprising the steps of first mixing the clay and the flocculating agent to form an intimate mixture and subsequently mixing the intimate mixture with the surfactant system and the carrier material.

36. A process for making a component according to claim 22 comprising the steps of first mixing the flocculating agent, the surfactant system or part thereof and the carrier material or part thereof to form an intimate mixture and subsequently mixing the intimate mixture with the clay and optionally the remaining part of the surfactant system and the remaining part of the carrier material.

37. A detergent composition comprising the component of claim 20, being in a form selected from the group consisting of tablets, bars and granular compositions.

Conclusion

Support for these amendments is found in the claims as originally filed. These amendments are entered to bring the claims into conformance with 37 CFR §1.75; no new matter is added.

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